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**TO:** NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS

 OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP STAFF

 STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCIES

**FROM:** JOHN V. LADD /s/

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**SUBJECT:** Public Listening Session for National Apprenticeship System Enhancements

1. **Purpose.** In support of the proposed rulemaking that was announced by Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1205-AC13: National Apprenticeship System Enhancements, the Office of Apprenticeship (OA) will host a 90-minute listening session for the public to share ideas on what policies and practices could serve to strengthen the National Apprenticeship System.
2. **Action Requested.** This bulletin is being provided to announce that a 90-minute listening session will be held on May 5th, 2023 at 3:00 PM EST, and that interested parties may participate by registering at the following [link](https://www.workforcegps.org/sitecore/content/global/events/2023/04/12/16/35/A-Listening-Session-for-National-Apprenticeship-System-Enhancements).
3. **Summary and Background.**
	1. Summary – On May 5th, 2023 at 3:00 PM EST, OA will host a 90-minute listening session wherein representatives from the Employment and Training Administration and OA will listen to ideas from the public surrounding policies and practices that could: modernize apprenticeship, expand apprenticeship, create equitable access to apprenticeship, and enhance the quality of apprenticeship programs. The session will be hosted on the Workforce GPS platform and recorded for future reference by the Department.

* 1. Background – Since its inception, Registered Apprenticeship (RA) has played an integral role in America’s workforce development landscape. On the heels of the 85th anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act and the Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship’s recommendations, the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) Fall 2022 Regulatory Agenda published an entry in the Federal Register for proposed rulemaking, Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1205-AC13: National Apprenticeship System Enhancements. This notice of intended regulatory action foreshadows the U.S. Department of Labor’s (DOL) intent to update RA regulations at 29 CFR Part 29, which were last updated in October 2008. It is the Department’s hope that these revisions will promote both evolution and optimization within the National Apprenticeship System.

In accordance with the established guidelines for proposed rulemaking, DOL is seeking to gather information from interested parties that may serve to shape the proposed rule. One such way to gather information is to host informal listening sessions that allow attendees to share their ideas for modernizing and expanding the apprenticeship system.

1. **Inquiries.** If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact Andrew Ridgeway, Director, Division of National System Building (DNSB), at Ridgeway.Andrew@dol.gov or (202) 693-3536.
2. **Attachments.** None.